

Wilderness Organizations and Other Sources of Information

This is not a comprehensive list of organizations involved with wilderness. Verify website addresses occasionally, as URLs are subject to change.

GOVERNMENT AND PARTNER ORGANIZATION INFORMATION SITES

NPS Wilderness - www.wilderness.nps.gov

This is the official NPS wilderness website for the public. NPS employees can also visit the Wilderness Program section of the InsideNPS website at www.inside.nps.gov/programs/division.cfm?div=81&page=home for current information.

The Wilderness Information Network (WIN) - www.wilderness.net

A wealth of information about the National Wilderness Preservation System, this website includes details about and links to individual wilderness areas, history of the Wilderness Act, subsequent legislation, agency policy, current events, and issues. Within the site, the URL www.wilderness.net/nwps/allpublaws_by_wilderness.cfm links to PDF files of legislation designating wilderness areas.

Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center (ACNWT) - www.carhart.wilderness.net

This organization is a federal government interagency training center devoted to training federal and state land managers who have wilderness management responsibilities. The website lists training opportunities across the country and links to wilderness education curriculum resources.

Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute (ALWRI) - www.leopold.wilderness.net

An interagency federal research group based in Missoula, Montana, this institute is dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge needed for the management of wilderness, parks, and similarly protected areas. Their website lists research papers written by the group, some of which can be viewed on-line.

Sierra Nevada Wilderness Education Project - www.sierranewadawild.gov

This website, sponsored and maintained by the interagency Sierra Nevada Wilderness Education Project, provides information and links for planning a backcountry trip to the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California and for learning about the history, art, and relevance of Sierra wilderness.

WildLink - <http://wildlink.wilderness.net>

WildLink offers science, language arts, and history lessons directly to classrooms via the WildLink website. It brings culturally diverse students from local schools to the wilderness of the Sierra Nevada on expeditions. The outreach program is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management field offices in the Sierra Nevadas.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION SITES

American Wilderness Coalition - www.americanwilderness.org

The American Wilderness Coalition “seeks to protect America’s last remaining wilderness areas and expand our National Wilderness Preservation System by providing additive resources and advocacy assistance to wilderness activists at the local, state, regional, or national level.”

Blue Ribbon Coalition - www.sharetrails.org

The mission of this organization is to champion “responsible use of public lands for the benefit of all recreationists.”

Campaign for American Wilderness - www.leaveitwild.org

Campaign for America’s Wilderness works to “permanently protect wild places for future generations through education and citizen action.”

Great Old Broads for Wilderness - www.greatoldbroads.org

This organization uses the voices and activism of elders to increase, protect, and preserve wilderness.

Republicans for Environmental Protection - www.rep.org

A nonprofit organization “dedicated to educating the public and elected officials about the need to protect the environment and conserve wildlands and natural resources,” Republicans for Environmental Protection “advocates legislation to accomplish those goals while adhering to the basic Republican principles of fiscal responsibility and smaller government.”

Sierra Club - www.sierraclub.org

The Sierra Club is “America’s oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organization.” Its mission includes to “explore, enjoy, and protect wild places of the earth.”

The Wild Foundation - www.wild.org

The Wild Foundation works internationally to sustain wilderness and to communicate values of wilderness areas. The Foundation organizes World Wilderness Conferences and publishes The International Journal of Wilderness.

Wild Wilderness - www.wildwilderness.org

The mission of Wild Wilderness is “to advocate for the protection and enhancement of those recreational activities most dependent upon what are commonly known as “wilderness values,” namely: naturalness, solitude, challenge, and inspiration.”

Wilderness Inquiry - www.wildernessinquiry.org

A nonprofit organization, Wilderness Inquiry “focuses on getting people from all walks of life to personally experience the natural world.”

The Wilderness Society - www.wilderness.org

The Wilderness Society works to protect America’s wilderness and to develop a nationwide network of wild lands through education, scientific analysis, and advocacy.

Wilderness Watch - www.wildernesswatch.org

This national organization is dedicated “to the protection and proper stewardship of the nation’s designated wilderness and wild and scenic rivers.”

MAGAZINES AND JOURNALS**International Journal of Wilderness - www.ijw.org**

WILD Foundation
P.O. Box 1380
Ojai, CA 93024

Wild Earth - www.wildlandsproject.org

Wildlands Project
P.O. Box 455
Richmond, VT 05477
802-434-5980

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**The Wilderness Society (Australia) - www.wilderness.org.au**

The mission of Australia’s largest national, community-based, conservation organization is to protect, promote, and secure the future of wilderness and other high-conservation areas.

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) - www.cpaws.org

This is Canada’s grassroots voice for wilderness.